

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
October 6, 2004
Aeronautics Building
2700 East Airport Service Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Meeting noticed in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976.

Present

Carmine Palombo, Chairman
Aaron Hopper, Member
Bill McEntee, Member
Jerry Richards, Member
Steve Warren, Member
Frank Kelley, Commission Advisor

Thomas Wieczorek, Vice Chairman
Rob Surber, Member
Susan Mortel, Member
Kirk Steudle, Member
Richard Deuell, Member

Absent

All members were present.

Staff Present

Rick Lilly, Bureau of Transportation Planning
Ron Vibbert, Bureau of Transportation Planning
Stacey Schafer, Bureau of Transportation Planning

Call to Order

Chairman Palombo called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Approval of the July 7th, 2004 Council Minutes

Rick Lilly presented the [September 1, 2004 Council Minutes](#) for approval. Vice Chair Wieczorek moved for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Supported by Mr. Richards. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence and Announcements

Mr. Lilly reported that communication has been made with all of the vendors who indicated they would attend the Vendor Fair in November. Each vendor will have one hour and 45 minutes to present their wares to the Council. The November TAMC meeting will be held on November 10th instead of November 3rd. It will take place at the MacMullan Center at Higgins Lake at 8:00am. General business will take place at this meeting, although there will be presentation from Gil Chesbro.

Agency Reports

Peer Exchange: Mr. Palombo and Mr. Steudle attended an AASHTO/TRB Peer Exchange in Washington DC this past month. Twenty other states were at the Exchange besides Michigan. The Exchange dealt with areas that were relevant to asset management and each state gave a brief summary of what they were doing. The Exchange lasted a day and a half, and it appeared that each state was trying to institute some sort of asset management process. Michigan was the only state that had already started to deal with ownership issues. There was a good response from other states about our process.

Committee Reports

Administrative and Education Committee (Reported by Mr. Palombo)

Topic 1: Training Video

Mr. Lilly has been working on an RFQ to identify areas of professional help in making these videos. We need to come up with a training methodology, which will be different for each video. Mr. Lilly met with staff from MDOT's Office of Communication and they indicated they would not be able to provide the TAMC with what it wanted; but they asked to be kept up to date with how the videos were going.

Topic 2: Accident

After discussion regarding the accident last year involving staff that were collecting data for the TAMC, it was determined that the Council should reimburse the Region 7 planning agency for the damages to the vehicle.

Mr. Wieczorek motioned for the approval of paying for the accident with the provision that Region 7's insurance is not going to pay for it. Mr. Hopper supported the motion. The motion was carried with the provision.

Topic 3: Mackinac Conferences

Two conferences were held within the last month on Mackinac Island. Mr. Lilly, Mr. Warren, and Mr. Wieczorek made presentations at the MAR conference. Mr. Lilly and Mr. Wieczorek made presentations at the MML conference. The response at both conferences was very positive.

Data Management Committee (reported by Mr. McEntee):

Topic 1: Data Collection

As of October 5th about 44% of the data collection has been completed, most of which is in the Upper Peninsula. The collection process is going better than last year, and it is expected to be done by the end of the month.

Topic 2: Meeting with Regions

The Council needs to give better instructions on how to characterize roadway improvements. We are working with Mr. Surber and CGI to report Act 51 status for the November meeting. Gil Chesbro compared Region PASER and Council PASER ratings and found out that they do not line up 100%. The ratings are stricter in number from last years. The roads are rated differently and that is what makes the system look better than it really is. Some of the problems come from timing (projects getting completed before road was rated again). Another reason could be that there are too many people rating the roads and we may need to get a select number of people to rate all the roads. Mr. Chesbro is going to create a map on the numerical differences. He is also going to get a map that shows Marquette County ratings, to show the ratings of a county that did their own data collection with PASER. Mr. Chesbro will also bring a map showing the comparison of 2003-2004 ratings, along with a Bay Region map with rating differences.

Act 51 Vs. Framework Map

Dick Turcotte of the Michigan Department of Transportation addressed the committee regarding the differences between the Framework map and the actual Act 51 certified miles. There has been a lot of effort by counties and the department to correct all the changes that have occurred. The biggest problems are dead end roads that do not match the original framework. These will need to be worked out.

Strategic Analysis Committee (reported by Mr. Warren):

Mr. Vibbert spoke about the Transportation Management System. Mr. Vibbert explained the original vision was to have all road agencies have access to the data in the TMS but as it was developed it became more state-oriented than comprehensive.

The committee also informed the Council that Cambridge Systematics, Inc., would now be invited to the Vendor Fair in November. Originally it was thought that they did not have a model that they could show us. However, it was brought to the attention of Mrs. Mortel and Mr. Steudle that they do have a model they

are developing for the National Highway Institute. Therefore, they were invited to show the Council that model.

The variations on the PASER ratings was also discussed and sent to the Data Committee for further review.

Quarterly Report

Mr. Lilly presented the Council with the 3rd Quarter Report for 2004. Mr. Steudle noted that the Peer Exchange that Mr. Palombo and he attended should be called the ASSHTO/ TRB Peer Exchange. Mr. Steudle also wanted it noted that we had distributed copies of the brochure to the group he met with in Latvia.

Mr. Lilly reported that the TAMC is under half million dollars on our expenditures. He also reported that while the TAMC was approved for over a million dollars in funding, we are not going to reach even that amount. The Commission has expressed a concern about our budget and the amount of money left over and maybe the TAMC does not need as much in the future.

Report from Latvia- Kirk Steudle

Mr. Steudle gave a brief presentation to the Council on his trip to Latvia. Mr. Steudle informed the Council on the different presentations that he made on Asset Management.

RoadSoft Presentation- Terry McNinch

Staff from Michigan Tech gave a presentation to the Council regarding their model, RoadSoft. They demonstrated their current 5.8 version of their model. They are now working on a 6.0, which is a multi-county version. This version would be able to run the whole state.

Public Comment

Ron Young, director of the Alcona County Road Commission spoke about the value of Roadsoft.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

